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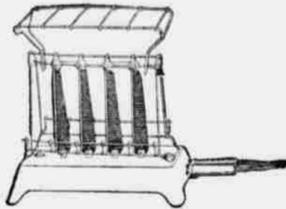
Our new and commodious store is filled with a varied and complete line of useful presents. We suggest Silver Knives and Forks, Tea and Table Spoons, Nickel Tea and Coffee Pots, Nickel Trays, Sleds, Razors, Lamps, Skates, Pocket Knives, Oil Heaters, Scissors, Carving Sets, Etc.

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## FIGHTS 2 BURGLARS

### Slashed With Razor In Battle With Intruder.

#### SCREAMS AND FALLS FAINTING.

Robbers, Thought to Be Negroes, Disturbed in Looting Expedition, Turn on Wealthy Junk Dealer and Stab Him Severely.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—Waking to find two strange men in his room, Julius Relestein, who keeps a junk shop at 733 Bainbridge street and lives in the second story, sprang from his bed and tackled the intruders. In the fight which followed his throat was slashed with a razor. The men became frightened and fled.

Relestein staggered down to the front door, screamed for help and then fell unconscious. McCarthy, a policeman of the Fourth and Delancey streets station, heard his cries and sent Relestein to the Pennsylvania hospital. His condition is serious.

The intruders are believed to have been colored men, though Relestein did not get a good look at them, as the room was dark. They gained entrance by forcing a rear window and had ransacked the shop before venturing to the upper story. A Canadian twenty-five cent piece and 13 cents in pennies was all the money in the till. This evidently made the intruders angry, for it was common rumor in the neighborhood that Relestein was rich and kept considerable money in the place.

According to the wounded man, the burglars attacked him the moment he got his feet on the floor, and he never had a chance in the struggle.

Relestein has a house at 800 South Sixth street, where he spends part of his time. He sleeps two or three nights a week at his store, however, and is usually there on Sunday nights so as to be ready to start his men out early on Monday morning for junk collecting. The police believe the burglars intended to torture Relestein to make him tell where his money was concealed.

Gold, Ryan and Krelats, special policemen of the Second and Christian streets station, believe they have a fair idea as to the identity of the intruders.

#### CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLING.

Former Treasurer of Gas Company Accused of Taking \$187,000.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 17.—Charged with the embezzlement of \$187,000, Elmer W. Moore, an attorney and former treasurer of the Federal Oil and Gas company, whose headquarters were in Philadelphia, was arrested on Dec. 2 by Officer McLoskey and was released on \$50,000 bail last Thursday by Alderman Martin.

The warrant charging Moore with embezzlement was sworn out by United States Marshal E. H. Porter, who is an officer of the company. The greatest secrecy surrounded the case until the facts in the matter leaked out.

The information on which the warrant was issued was made by Porter on Nov. 29 and alleges that Moore embezzled \$187,000 from the Federal Oil and Gas company while acting as treasurer of that concern.

#### PASTOR ATTACKS TURKEY TROT

Worse Than Dance of Salome, Says Dr. E. P. Pfatfelcher.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—Denouncing the "turkey trot" as immoral, the Rev. Dr. E. P. Pfatfelcher, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion in this city, likened it to the dance which Salome performed before Herod. The only difference, he said, was that the "turkey trot" was a little the worse.

Dr. Pfatfelcher expressed horror that young people should be encouraged to "dance conjointly" in the same fashion as Salome danced singly. "Salome," he said, "performed for a group of wanton drunkards, and they who witness these affairs today are little better."

#### FALL KILLS AGED MAN.

Tumbles Down Attic Stairs and Receives Broken Neck.

West Chester, Pa., Dec. 17.—Abraham Beecher, aged eighty-five years, residing near Rocky Hill, was injured and died when he fell down the attic stairway at his home, his neck being broken.

An investigation showed the man's death to have been accidental.

#### EGGS DROP IN PITTSBURGH.

"Strictly Fresh" Selling at 38 Cents. Cold Storage at 20.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 17.—So many fresh eggs were thrown on the market here that cold storage eggs broke to 20 cents a dozen retail, and strictly fresh eggs went to 38 cents.

A drop in butter is also impending, local dealers say.

#### Munns Heads Cornell's Eleven.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 17.—James J. Munns of this city, left guard on the Cornell football team for the past two years, was elected captain of the Cornell football team for 1913 by the members of the team at their annual banquet in Ithaca.

## PARDON FOR 360 CONVICTS.

Arkansas Governor's Extraordinary Act Protest Against Lease System.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 17.—A blow at the convict lease system, employed in Arkansas and other states, will be struck here when Governor George W. Donaghey will pardon and free 360 convicts from the state penitentiary.

This action is the direct result of sentiments expressed by Governor Donaghey in a speech before the conference of governors at Richmond, Va., two weeks ago.

Three convict camps in Arkansas will be wiped out by the wholesale granting of pardons. These camps are the ones where convicts are leased to contractors and do not include the camps where convicts are employed in building state roads.

The convicts included in the list to be pardoned are serving sentences for minor felonies. Many of them, however, were sentenced for fifteen years and more. Governor Donaghey has prepared a lengthy explanation of his action to be presented to the state legislature in January. He says:

"I have constantly fought the convict lease system since I have been in public office. In every public speech I have denounced it. As a member of the penitentiary board I have opposed it in every instance where it was at issue. Time after time I have pleaded with the legislature to abolish it, but in spite of all this no adequate relief has been given."

#### Remains Within White House and Works on Message.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Because of a cold President Taft canceled all appointments at the executive offices and remained at the White House, where he spent a few hours working leisurely on a message which he expects shortly to send to congress.

The president's indisposition is not regarded as serious, but the executive is taking no chances of it interfering with his trip to Panama. The president will leave on Friday night. The death of Ambassador Reid will not interfere with the trip plans.

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